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## CANNED DECIDUOUS FRUIT PRODUCTION IN AUSTRALIA AND SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa reports a record 1974 canned deciduous fruit pack, but poor weather conditions cut Australian production to its lowest level in 10 years. Combined production totaled 17 million cases, basis 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ 's, 12 percent below the 1973 total of 19.3 million cases. Australian production totaled 7.5 million cases and South African production, 9.5 million cases. Australian packs were smaller for all items except pears. South African packs of peaches and mixed fruit were larger, while packs of apricots and pears declined.

Current estimates indicate smaller 1974 exports by both countries. Declines are expected for all Australian items and all South African items except mixed fruit. Australian 1974 exports are estimated at 5.2 million cases and South African exports, at 8.7 million cases.

### Australia

Heavy floods in the Goulburn Valley of Victoria severely reduced 1974 Australian canned deciduous fruit production to an estimated 7.5 million cases, 27 percent below the 1973 level and 26 percent below the 1966-70 average. Clingstone peaches suffered the most damage. Production of canned pears was actually above last year's level.

Canned peach production in 1974 totaled 2.5 million cases, 45 percent below that of 1973. Reports indicate about 30 percent of the peach trees in the Goulburn Valley were lost through waterlogging and root rot caused by flooding. Continued humid conditions promoted brown rot, which further reduced the crop in the Goulburn Valley and also affected production in the Murrumbidgee Irrigation area.

Production of canned pears in 1974 was 4 percent above the 1973 level as canners increased intake of pears to partially offset the short supply of canning peaches. Production totaled 3.1 million cases, about unchanged from the 1966-70 average. Direct losses from flooding were relatively minor and plentiful supplies of canning pears were available.

Apricots were severely damaged, suffering tree losses from the floods and brown rot problems from the humid conditions. The 1974 pack is estimated at 553,000 cases, 20 percent below the 1973 pack of 687,000 cases.

Mixed fruit production also was substantially below last season's output, because of the shortage of supplies of peaches. Production totaled 1.4 million cases, 35 percent below that of 1973. Packs of individual items in cases were: Fruit cocktail, 705,000; two fruits, 627,000; and fruit salad, 37,000.

Domestic consumption is less important than exports, but constituted a growing market through 1973. Domestic use averaged 3 million cases during 1966-70, reached 3.2 million in 1971 and 1972, and then jumped to 3.4 million cases in 1973. Current reports indicate 1974 shipments will total about 3 million cases. Peaches are the major domestic canned fruit item, accounting for 43 percent of 1973 shipments, followed by pears, mixed fruit, and apricots.

Export sales are the primary outlet for Australian canned fruit. Preliminary reports indicate a sharply smaller 1974 total of 5.2 million cases, 40 percent below 1973 exports and 25 percent below the 1966-70 average. The United Kingdom is traditionally the largest market for all Australian fruit items. Other major markets are West

Germany, Canada, and Japan. During the first 6 months of 1974, exports to West Germany were about maintained, but exports to most other major markets were substantially lower.

Production of canning fruit is centered in the State of Victoria, where floods caused severe losses in peach and apricot trees. The Goulburn Valley Orchard Census will be conducted this year and the results—expected in October 1975—will more accurately assess the current situation. Available information covers 1972–73 and does not reflect flood damage. During 1972–73 Victoria accounted for 54 percent of the total million apricot, peach, and pear trees in Australia.

Minimum 1974 grower prices were increased for all items. Minimum prices per metric ton for individual items were: Apricots, US\$175; Clingstone peaches, clear centers, US\$173; and Bartlett pears, US\$147. These prices represent the minimum levels that canners can pay to qualify for sugar rebates paid under the Sugar Agreement between the Australian Government and the State of Queensland.

### **South Africa**

Record packs of peaches and mixed fruit elevated South African canned deciduous fruit production to a record 9.5 million cases, 6 percent above the 1973 level and 22 percent above the 1966–70 average. Drought conditions that developed in the winter of 1973 affected fruit production for fresh consumption more seriously than deliveries to canners.

Canning peach deliveries to processors were larger than those of 1973. Production of 1974 season canned Clingstone peaches totaled 6 million cases, 13 percent above last year's level. Declines in deliveries of other fruits were evident in the smaller packs of canned apricots and pears. The 1974 canned apricot pack is estimated at 478,000 cases, 21 percent below last year's pack. Canned pear production is estimated at 1.2 million cases, 20 percent below the 1973 level, and mixed fruit is estimated at a record 1.8 million cases.

Domestic sales are relatively small, estimated at only about 11 percent of the total 1974 canned deciduous fruit offtake. Peaches are the major item, while pears, mixed fruit, and apricots are consumed in lesser amounts. Total 1974 domestic utilization is estimated at 1.1 million cases.

Export sales are important to South Africa. Total 1974 exports are estimated at 8.7 million cases, 9 percent below the record 1973 total of 9.6 million cases, but 27 percent above the 1966–70 average. Estimated (in million cases) are: Peaches, 5.8; mixed fruit, 1.5; pears, 0.9; and apricots, 0.4. The United Kingdom is the largest single country market for all items. Other important markets include West Germany, Japan, Belgium-Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and Canada.

The Canned Fruit Board announced higher minimum prices on all canning fruits. Minimum prices per metric ton of canning grade items were: Royal variety apricots US\$120; Bulida variety apricots, US\$130; Clingstone peaches, US\$154; and Bartlett pears, US\$120.

Australian and South African canned deciduous fruit production  
 (In thousands of cases 1/)

Kind of fruit	Average	1956-60 : 1961-65	1966-70	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974 2/
<u>Apricots:</u>								
Australia .....	702	651	782	773	1,206	840	687	553
South Africa .....	742	816	663	343	721	596	603	487
Total .....	1,444	1,447	1,445	1,116	1,927	1,436	1,290	1,031
<u>Peaches:</u>								
Australia .....	1,863	3,183	4,546	3,934	4,854	4,478	4,610	2,515
South Africa .....	2,084	3,325	4,752	4,729	5,526	5,472	5,331	6,001
Total .....	3,947	6,508	9,298	8,663	10,380	9,950	9,941	8,516
<u>Pears:</u>								
Australia .....	2,130	2,788	3,115	4,394	3,478	2,225	2,984	3,102
South Africa .....	550	954	1,394	1,503	1,562	1,379	1,527	1,219
Total .....	2,680	3,742	4,509	5,897	5,040	3,604	4,511	4,321
<u>Mixed fruits:</u>								
Australia .....	233	517	1,698	2,394	1,777	1,909	2,091	1,369
South Africa .....	379	338	948	1,187	1,346	1,380	1,489	1,797
Total .....	612	855	2,646	3,581	3,123	3,289	3,580	3,166

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.  
 2/ Estimate.

Australian and South African canned deciduous fruit exports  
 (In thousands of cases 1/)

Kind of fruit	Average			Calendar year		
	1956-60	1961-65	1966-70	1971	1972	1973
<u>Apricots:</u>						
Australia .....	360	201	322	267	358	290
South Africa .....	698	781	636	358	523	648
Total .....	1,058	982	958	625	881	938
<u>Peaches:</u>						
Australia .....	1,004	1,761	3,159	2,599	2,733	2,632
South Africa .....	1,667	3,011	4,259	4,079	4,148	5,192
Total .....	2,671	4,772	6,418	6,678	6,881	7,824
<u>Pears:</u>						
Australia .....	1,655	2,098	2,229	2,244	2,372	2,114
South Africa .....	388	829	1,162	1,143	1,111	1,241
Total .....	2,043	2,927	3,391	3,387	3,483	3,355
<u>Mixed fruit:</u>						
Australia .....	103	281	1,157	1,396	1,309	1,448
South Africa 2/ .....	4/	277	791	1,003	1,003	1,439
Total .....	—	558	1,948	2,399	2,312	2,887
1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.						
2/ Forecast.						
3/ Year beginning November 1.						
4/ Not available.						

Calendar exports of canned fruit by country of destination  
 (In thousands of cases 1/)

Fruit and destination	Australia		South Africa	
	1972	1973	1972	1973
Apricots:	:			
United Kingdom .....	: 137	149	229	256
Continental Europe .....	: 40	93	277	212
Canada .....	: 61	70	75	61
Other .....	: 45	41	67	73
Total .....	: 283	353	648	602
Peaches:	:			
United Kingdom .....	: 1,041	1,280	2,691	2,975
Continental Europe .....	: 880	1,357	1,955	1,673
Canada .....	: 330	397	108	135
Other .....	: 360	699	438	632
Total .....	: 2,611	3,733	5,192	5,415
Pears:	:			
United Kingdom .....	: 1,001	1,518	1,010	1,194
Continental Europe .....	: 461	950	141	162
Canada .....	: 237	329	6	2
Other .....	: 292	164	84	96
Total .....	: 1,991	2,961	1,241	1,454
Mixed fruit:	:			
United Kingdom .....	: 721	881	2/	2/
Continental Europe .....	: 303	376	2/	2/
Canada .....	: 253	263	2/	2/
Other .....	: 125	121	2/	2/
Total .....	: 1,402	1,641	1,432 3/	1,522 3/

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cans.

2/ Not available.

3/ Year beginning November 1.

SOURCE: Australian Canned Fruits Board and South African Annual Trade Statistics.

Australian canned fruit production and exports, 1970-74  
 (In thousands of cases 1/)

Canned Fruit	: 1970	: 1971	: 1972	: 1973	: 1974 <u>2/</u>
Production:	:				
Apricots .....	: 773	1,206	840	687	553
Mixed fruit .....	: 2,394	1,777	1,909	2,091	1,369
Peaches .....	: 3,934	4,854	4,478	4,610	2,515
Pears .....	: <u>4,394</u>	3,478	2,225	2,984	3,102
	:				
Total deciduous .....	: 11,495	11,315	9,452	10,372	7,539
Exports:	:				
Apricots .....	: 267	358	290	353	100
Mixed fruit .....	: 1,396	1,309	1,448	1,641	1,250
Peaches .....	: 2,599	2,733	2,632	3,733	1,900
Pears .....	: <u>2,444</u>	2,372	2,114	2,961	1,900
	:				
Total deciduous .....	: 6,506	6,772	6,484	8,688	5,150

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cans.

2/ Estimate.

Australian packout of all canned fruit, 1970-73  
 (In percent )

Grade	: 1970	: 1971	: 1972	: 1973
	:			
Fancy .....	: 4.3	5.7	10.4	12.2
Choice .....	: 64.0	61.6	57.6	60.5
Standard .....	: 21.0	17.1	20.6	19.2
Domestic .....	: 10.7	15.6	11.4	8.1

SOURCE: Australian Canned Fruits Board.

Australian canned peach supply and distribution, 1971-74  
 (In thousands of cases 1/)

Item	1971	1972	1973	1974 2/
Supply:	:			
Beginning stocks, January 1 ...	282	1,099	1,504	928
Production .....	<u>4,854</u>	<u>4,478</u>	<u>4,610</u>	<u>2,515</u>
Total .....	<u>5,136</u>	<u>5,577</u>	<u>6,114</u>	<u>3,443</u>
Distribution:	:			
Exports .....	2,733	2,632	3,733	1,900
Domestic consumption .....	1,304	1,441	1,453	1,200
Ending stocks, December 31 ....	<u>1,099</u>	<u>1,504</u>	<u>928</u>	<u>343</u>
Total .....	<u>5,136</u>	<u>5,577</u>	<u>6,114</u>	<u>3,443</u>

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cans.

2/ Estimate.

Australian canned pear supply and distribution, 1971-74  
 (In thousands of cases 1/)

Item	1971	1972	1973	1974 2/
Supply:	:			
Beginning stocks, January 1 ...	1,668	1,864	1,301	477
Production .....	<u>3,478</u>	<u>2,225</u>	<u>2,984</u>	<u>3,102</u>
Total .....	<u>5,146</u>	<u>4,089</u>	<u>4,285</u>	<u>3,579</u>
Distribution:	:			
Exports .....	2,372	2,114	2,961	1,900
Domestic consumption .....	910	674	847	850
Ending stocks, December 31 ....	<u>1,864</u>	<u>1,301</u>	<u>477</u>	<u>829</u>
Total .....	<u>5,146</u>	<u>4,089</u>	<u>4,285</u>	<u>3,579</u>

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cans.

2/ Estimate.

Australian canned apricot supply and distribution, 1970-73  
 (In thousands of cases 1/)

Item	1971	1972	1973	1974 2/
Supply:	:			
Beginning stocks, January 1 ....	: 105	439	401	212
Production .....	: 1,206	840	687	553
Total .....	: 1,311	1,279	1,088	765
Distribution:	:			
Exports .....	: 358	290	353	100
Domestic consumption .....	: 514	588	523	500
Ending stocks, December 31 ....	: 439	401	212	165
Total .....	: 1,311	1,279	1,088	765

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Estimate.

Australian mixed fruit pack composition,  
 Average 1961-65, 1966-70, and annual 1970-74  
 (In thousands of cases 1/)

Year	Fruit cocktail	Fruit salad	Two-fruits	Total
1961-65 .....	: 175	50	292	517
1966-70 .....	: 811	78	809	1,698
1970 .....	: 1,098	45	1,251	2,394
1971 .....	: 816	89	872	1,777
1972 .....	: 1,109	87	713	1,909
1973 .....	: 1,067	79	945	2,091
1974 2/ .....	: 705	37	627	1,369

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Estimate.

Australian canned mixed fruit 1/ supply and distribution, 1971-74  
 (In thousands of cases 2/)

Item	: 1971	: 1972	: 1973	: 1974 3/
Supply:	:			
Beginning stocks, January 1 .....	: 868	857	798	699
Production .....	: <u>1,777</u>	<u>1,909</u>	<u>2,091</u>	<u>1,369</u>
Total .....	: <u>2,645</u>	<u>2,766</u>	<u>2,889</u>	<u>2,078</u>
Distribution:	:			
Exports .....	: 1,309	1,448	1,641	1,250
Domestic consumption .....	: 479	520	549	500
Ending stocks, December 31 .....	: <u>857</u>	<u>798</u>	<u>699</u>	<u>328</u>
Total .....	: <u>2,645</u>	<u>2,766</u>	<u>2,889</u>	<u>2,078</u>

- 1/ Canned composite packs, including fruit salad, fruit cocktail, and diced two-fruit mixtures.  
 2/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.  
 3/ Estimate.

Australian canned fruit minimum grower prices  
 per metric ton 1/ for first-quality fruit,  
 1971-74 seasons  
 (In U.S. dollars)

Fruit	: 1971 2/	: 1972 2/	: 1973 2/	: 1974 2/
Apricots .....	: 127	134	146	173
Peaches:	:			
Cling, clear center .....	: 120	128	151	173
Cling, other .....	: 116	123	146	168
Freestone .....	: 85	90	107	124
Pears:	:			
Bartlett .....	: 110	117	139	147

- 1/ Delivered to either the grower's railroad siding or to the cannery door.  
 2/ Quotations converted to U.S. dollars at rate applicable at time of quotation and are not directly comparable to prior years. For example, 1973 peach and pear quotations were unchanged from 1972 in Australian dollars.

SOURCE: Australian Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee

Australian canned fruit pack by quality,  
grade, and can size, 1973  
(In thousands of cases 1/)

Grade	Apricots	Peaches	Pears	Mixed fruit 2/	Total
Fancy (export)					
No. 2½ .....	35	185	189	152	561
No. 1 .....	19	107	96	85	307
8 oz. .....	10	8	11	8	37
No. 10 .....	20	118	122	98	358
Total .....	84	418	418	343	1,263
Choice (export)					
No. 2½ .....	115	1,276	944	413	2,748
No. 1 .....	85	864	752	611	2,312
8 oz. .....	17	55	60	66	198
No. 10 .....	48	406	333	226	1,013
Total .....	265	2,601	2,089	1,316	6,271
Standard (export)					
No. 2½ .....	98	1,019	195	226	1,538
No. 1 .....	30	68	84	100	282
8 oz. .....	---	1	4	2	7
No. 10 .....	20	58	34	56	168
Total .....	148	1,146	317	384	1,995
Domestic Pack					
No. 2½ .....	131	272	116	9	528
No. 1 .....	40	125	41	14	220
8 oz. .....	3	2	—	1	6
No. 10 .....	16	46	3	24	89
Total .....	190	445	160	48	843
Grand total .	687	4,610	2,984	2,091	10,372

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Includes all mixed fruits other than tropical fruit salad.

NOTE: Some No. 2 cans included under No. 1's and some 5 oz. and 10 oz. under 8 oz.

SOURCE: Australian Canned Fruits Board.

Australian canned deciduous fruit production by State,  
average 1961-65, 1966-70, and annual 1970-73  
(In thousands of cases 1/)

Kind of Fruit	New South Wales	Victoria	South Australia	Other States	Total
<u>Canned apricots:</u>					
Average:					
1961-65 .....	110	294	214	33	651
1966-70 .....	124	465	179	14	782
Annual:					
1970 .....	111	483	177	2	773
1971 .....	200	649	334	23	1,206
1972 .....	163	480	193	4	840
1973 .....	148	483	53	3	687
<u>Canned peaches:</u>					
Average:					
1961-65 .....	760	1,698	680	45	3,183
1966-70 .....	969	2,454	1,064	60	4,547
Annual:					
1970 .....	873	2,066	946	49	3,934
1971 .....	1,030	2,511	1,259	54	4,854
1972 .....	962	2,236	1,232	48	4,478
1973 .....	985	2,465	1,136	24	4,610
<u>Canned pears:</u>					
Average:					
1961-65 .....	131	2,481	107	69	2,788
1966-70 .....	116	2,824	102	74	3,115
Annual:					
1970 .....	167	4,000	161	66	4,394
1971 .....	86	3,132	192	68	3,478
1972 .....	142	1,961	96	26	2,225
1973 .....	182	2,648	113	41	2,984
<u>Canned mixed fruit:</u>					
Average:					
1961-65 .....	35	344	104	34	517
1966-70 .....	68	1,353	246	31	1,698
Annual:					
1970 .....	149	2,012	233	---	2,394
1971 .....	160	1,386	231	---	1,777
1972 .....	180	1,511	217	1	1,909
1973 .....	128	1,702	256	5	2,091
<u>Total deciduous fruit:</u>					
Average:					
1961-65 .....	1,036	4,817	1,105	181	7,139
1966-70 .....	1,277	7,096	1,590	179	10,143
Annual:					
1970 .....	1,300	8,561	1,517	119	11,495
1971 .....	1,476	7,678	2,016	145	11,315
1972 .....	1,447	6,188	1,738	79	9,452
1973 .....	1,442	7,298	1,558	73	10,372

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

SOURCE: Australian Canned Fruits Board.

Australian tree numbers for selected fruit, 1966-67 through 1973-74  
 (In thousands of trees)

Year	Apricots			Peaches			Pears		
	Bearing	Nonbearing	Total	Bearing	Nonbearing	Total	Bearing	Nonbearing	Total
1966-67 ...	962	191	1,153	2,452	551	3,003	2,039	636	2,671
1967-68 ...	909	211	1,120	2,397	614	3,011	2,167	548	2,715
1968-69 ...	893	192	1,085	2,349	546	2,895	2,188	523	2,711
1969-70 ...	867	176	1,043	2,353	514	2,867	2,205	489	2,694
1970-71 ...	877	170	1,047	2,272	497	2,769	2,267	382	2,649
1971-72 ...	882	172	1,054	2,252	481	2,733	2,145	349	2,494
1972-73 ...	855	156	1,011	2,099	422	2,521	2,168	279	2,447
2/ 1973-74 ...	861	2/	2/	2,200	2/	2/	2,300	2/	2/

1/ Estimate.  
 2/ Not available.

SOURCE: The Fruit Growing Industry, Australia, 1972-73, and Trends in Australian Rural Production and Exports, Commonwealth Bureau of Census Statistics, Canberra

Australian tree numbers for selected fruit by State in 1972-73  
 (In thousands of trees)

Kind of Fruit	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Total Australia
<b>Bearing:</b>							
Apples . . . . .	1,287	1,324	1,113	523	989	1,977	7,215
Apricots . . . . .	125	259	44	376	15	36	855
Cherries . . . . .	239	148	1/	45	3	4	429
Nectarines . . . . .	33	37	39	21	7	2	138
Peaches . . . . .	515	1,030	139	359	53	3	2,099
Pears . . . . .	229	1,473	98	163	68	137	2,168
Plums and prunes . . . . .	407	123	130	62	73	3	797
<b>Total:</b>							
Apples . . . . .	1,596	1,606	1,302	645	1,171	2,412	8,737
Apricots . . . . .	136	307	52	454	18	45	1,011
Cherries . . . . .	375	197	1/	68	8	9	657
Nectarines . . . . .	44	55	50	27	9	3	188
Peaches . . . . .	599	1,280	161	412	66	4	2,521
Pears . . . . .	258	1,633	124	200	87	145	2,447
Plums and prunes . . . . .	488	167	155	80	84	4	978

1/ Not available.

SOURCE: The Fruit Growing Industry, Australia, Commonwealth Bureau of Census Statistics, Canberra,  
 1972-73

South African canned fruit production and exports, 1970-74  
 (In thousands of cases 1/)

Canned Fruit	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974 2/
Production:	:				
Apricots .....	: 343	721	596	603	478
Peaches .....	: 4,729	5,526	5,472	5,331	6,001
Pears .....	: 1,503	1,562	1,379	1,527	1,219
Mixed fruit .....	: 1,187	1,346	1,380	1,489	1,797
	:				
Total deciduous ....	: 7,762	9,155	8,827	8,950	9,495
	:				
Exports:	:				
Apricots .....	: 358	512	624	648	429
Peaches .....	: 3,901	3,979	5,018	5,955	5,837
Pears .....	: 1,123	1,004	1,347	1,577	931
Mixed fruit .....	: 1,003	1,003	1,439	1,432	1,522
	:				
Total deciduous ....	: 6,385	6,498	8,428	9,612	8,719

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Estimate.

South African canned peach supply and distribution, 1971-74  
 (In thousands of cases 1/)

Item	1971	1972	1973	1974 2/
Supply:	:			
Beginning stocks, November 1 ...	: 832	1,831	1,735	551
Production .....	: 5,526	5,472	5,331	6,001
	:			
Total .....	: 6,358	7,303	7,066	6,552
	:			
Distribution:	:			
Exports .....	: 3,979	5,108	5,955	5,837
Domestic disappearance .....	: 548	625	560	565
Ending stocks, October 31 .....	: 1,831	1,660	551	150
	:			
Total .....	: 6,358	7,303	7,066	6,552

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Estimate.

South African canned pear supply and distribution, 1971-74  
 (In thousands of cases 1/)

Item	: 1971	: 1972	: 1973	: 1974 2/
Supply:	:			
Beginning stocks, November 1 ...	: 374	670	427	94
Production .....	: 1,562	1,379	1,527	1,219
Total .....	: 1,936	2,049	1,954	1,313
Distribution:	:			
Exports .....	: 1,004	1,347	1,577	931
Domestic disappearance .....	: 262	275	283	292
Ending stocks, October 31 .....	: 670	427	94	90
Total .....	: 1,936	2,049	1,954	1,313

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Forecast.

South African canned apricot supply and distribution, 1971-74  
 (In thousands of cases 1/)

Item	: 1971	: 1972	: 1973	: 1974 2/
Supply:	:			
Beginning stocks, November 1 ...	: 45	202	119	18
Production .....	: 721	596	603	478
Total .....	: 766	798	722	496
Distribution:	:			
Exports .....	: 512	624	648	429
Domestic disappearance .....	: 52	55	56	57
Ending stocks, October 31 .....	: 202	119	18	10
Total .....	: 766	798	722	496

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Estimate.

South African canned mixed fruit supply and distribution, 1971-74  
 (In thousands of cases 1/)

Item	: 1971	: 1972	: 1973	: 1974 2/
Supply:	:			
Beginning stocks, November 1 ...	: 205	404	195	95
Production .....	: 1,346	1,380	1,489	1,797
Total .....	: 1,551	1,784	1,684	1,862
Distribution:	:			
Exports .....	: 1,003	1,439	1,432	1,522
Domestic disappearance .....	: 144	150	157	165
Ending stocks, October 31 .....	: 404	195	95	174
Total .....	: 1,551	1,784	1,684	1,862

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Estimate.

NOTE: Mixed fruit includes fruit cocktail, fruit salad, and two-fruits.

Commercial utilization of deciduous fruit by members of  
 the South African fruit canning industry, 1971-74  
 (In thousands of metric tons)

Kind	: 1971	: 1972	: 1973	: 1974
Pears, Bartlett .....	: 44,358	41,982	48,211	43,662
Apricots .....	: 16,181	15,100	12,872	11,133
Peaches, Clingstone .....	: 109,273	109,011	106,910	118,394

South African minimum growers prices for fresh deciduous  
fruits for processing, 1971 through 1974 1/ 2/  
(In dollars per metric tons)

Kind	:	1971	:	1972	:	1973	:	1974
	:							
Apricots:	:							
Royal .....	:	102		87		99		120
Bulida .....	:	96		84		99		130
	:							
Peaches:	:							
Clingstone .....	:	96		86		109		154
	:							
Pears:	:							
Bartlett .....	:	83		68		81		120

1/ Canning grade.

2/ Currency converted from Rands to Dollars at rate prevailing when price was announced. Not directly comparable with previous years.

SOURCE: Canning Apricots and Peach Board and Deciduous Fruit Board





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